## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REGULATION

Before the Commissioner of the Office of Financial & Insurance Regulation

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Lend-A-Friend Financial Services, LLC License No.: DP-0013636

Enforcement Case No. 09-7125

Respondent	
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## CONSENT ORDER REQUIRING COMPLIANCE AND PAYMENT OF FINES

Issued and entered on <u>-//o//</u> by Stephen R. Hilker Chief Deputy Commissioner

Based upon the Stipulation to Entry of Consent Order and the files and records of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation (OFIR) in this matter, the Chief Deputy Commissioner finds and concludes that:

- 1. The Chief Deputy Commissioner has jurisdiction and authority to adopt and issue this Consent Order in this proceeding pursuant to the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act of 1969 ("MAPA"), as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, and the Deferred Presentment Service Transactions Act, 2005 PA 244, MCL 487.2121 *et seq.* ("Act").
- 2. All required notices have been issued in this case, and the notices and service thereof were appropriate and lawful in all respects.
- 3. Acceptance of the parties' Stipulation to Entry of Consent Order (Stipulation) is reasonable and in the public interest.
- 4. All applicable provisions of the MAPA have been met.
- 5. Respondent violated Section 34 of the Act.

Now therefore, based upon the parties' Stipulation and the facts surrounding this case, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall have paid the State of Michigan, through OFIR, administrative fines in the amount of \$1,000. Respondent shall further pay the fines within 30 days of the invoice date as indicated on the OFIR invoice.

2. The Chief Deputy Commissioner retains jurisdiction over the matters contained herein and has the authority to issue such further order(s) as he shall deem just, necessary and appropriate in accordance with the Act. Failure to abide by the terms and provisions of the Stipulation and this Order may result in the commencement of additional proceedings.

Stephen R. Hilker

**Chief Deputy Commissioner** 

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## STIPULATION TO ENTRY OF CONSENT ORDER

Lend-A-Friend Financial Services, LLC ("Respondent") and the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation ("OFIR") stipulate to the following:

- 1. On or about April 7, 2009, OFIR served Respondent with a Notice of Opportunity to Show Compliance ("NOSC") alleging that Respondent violated provisions of the Deferred Presentment Service Transactions Act, 2005 PA 244, MCL 487.2121 *et seq*. ("Act").
- 2. The NOSC contained allegations that Respondent violated the Act, and set forth the applicable laws and penalties which could be taken against Respondent.
- 3. Although Respondent surrendered its license and dissolved years ago, and accordingly had arguable defenses to late filed claims against the Respondent, the Respondent through its counsel and OFIR have conferred for purposes of resolving this matter and have agreed that it is in the parties' best interest to resolve this matter pursuant to the terms set forth below.
- 5. Respondent was licensed with OFIR as a deferred presentment service provider pursuant to the Act at the time of the acts alleged by the NOSC
- 6. The NOSC alleged the following:
  - a. Contrary to the Act, Respondent failed to timely close deferred presentment service transactions and notify the database provider after the customers satisfied their obligations under the deferred presentment service agreements. By failing to timely close deferred presentment service transactions and notify the database provider to close the transactions, Respondent violated Section 34(8) of the Act, MCL 487.2154(8).

- 7. Respondent agrees that it will have the State of Michigan, through OFIR, paid the amount of \$1,000 as payment of administrative fines. Respondent further agrees to have the fines paid within 30 days of the invoice date as indicated on the OFIR invoice. Respondent will pay the \$1,000 through a check drawn on the account of an affiliate.
- 8. Respondent, does not admit the truth or validity of any of the allegations made by OFIR, consents to the entry of the Consent Order.
- 9. Both parties have complied with the procedural requirements of the MAPA and the Act.
- 10. Respondent understands and agrees that this Stipulation will be presented to the Chief Deputy Commissioner for approval.
- 11. The Chief Deputy Commissioner may in his sole discretion, decide to accept or reject the Stipulation to Entry of Consent Order (Stipulation) and Consent Order Requiring Compliance and Payment of Fines (Consent Order). If the Chief Deputy Commissioner accepts the Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent waives the right to a hearing in this matter and consents to the entry of the Consent Order. If the Chief Deputy Commissioner does not accept the Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent waives any objection to the Commissioner holding a formal administrative hearing and making his decision after such hearing.
- 12. The failure to abide by the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order may, at the discretion of the Chief Deputy Commissioner, result in further administrative compliance actions.
- 13. The Chief Deputy Commissioner has jurisdiction and authority under the provisions of the MAPA and the Act to accept the Stipulation and to issue a Consent Order resolving these proceedings.
- 14. Respondent has had an opportunity to review the Stipulation and Consent Order and have the same reviewed by legal counsel.

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By: Keith Byrd	Dated:
On behalf of the former Members	
Of Lend-A-Friend Financial Services, LLC	————Dated:
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Office of Financial & Insurance Regulation	

By: Marlon F. Roberts

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